New formula for annual plans

*155. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Wih the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new formula for Annual Plans adopted by the Planning Commission by first making the resource evaluation and then making sectoral allocations, worked well;

(b) if so, the advantages and disadvantages of this method;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this will continue for the next plans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The procedure for finalising the Annual Plan of States adopted by the Planning Commission since 1993-94 takes into account the available resources for deciding the sectoral/sub-sectoral outlays as against the earlier Plans in which sectoral/sub-sectoral outlays were projected depending on requirements and this procedure has helped the States in priopritisation of their plan schemes and making plans more realistic. The present procedure is proposed to be continued for the next plan as well.

Indian export and world trade

*156. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export-import and trade deficit for the last three years; and

(b) the Indian exports as a percentage of the world trade during the last three. years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Statistics on exports, imports and trade deficit during the last three years are as under:

Year	Exports	Imports	Trade deficit
1993-94	22237	23306	1069
1994-95	26330	28654	2324
April-January			
1995-96	25488	29544	4056
1994-95	20871	22708	1837
	Rs. Crores		
1995-96	69751	73101	3350
1994-95	82674	89971	7297
April-January			
1993-94	84197	97597	13400
1994-95	65483	71248	5765

(b) Available information on India's share (%) in world trade is as follows:

Year	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
1991	0.50	0.56	0.53
1992	0.55	0.60	0.57
1993	0.58	0.60	0.59

Economic exploitation of child labour

*157. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 10 and Unstarred Question 1377 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th November and 11th December, 1995, respectively and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a reported statement of Canadian Prime Minister recently cautioning Government against economic exploitation of child labour; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) and (b) The Canadian Prime Minister referred to the tragedy of child labour and the economic exploitation of children

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in his address to the Federation of Indian Chambrs of Commerce and Industry on January 13, 1996. During bilateral talks, the Canadian Premier was briefed on the various measures that are being taken to eliminate child labour in India.

Compensation to mine victims

*158. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 7 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 1995 and state:

(a) the amount which was given to the families of deceased persons and those who were injured in the coal mine accident in Bihar;

(b) whether compensation was insufficient as contained in Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 and was based on the age and monthly earning of workers, details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any provision to enhance the amount of the compensation to workers who were killed/injured in coal mines in Bihar during last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government will amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, to make it in workers favour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A total compensation of Rs. 87.61 lakh was paid by Coal India Limited to the families of persons who died in the accidents which took place during 1995 in coal mines in Bihar.

(b) The above compensation was paid in accordance with the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 which takes into account the age and monthly earnings of the worker in a case of death. An ex-gratia payment is made to affected families depending upon the magnitude of a mine accident.

(c) and (d) The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 was recently imended in August, 1995 to inter-alia, enhance the minimum amount of compensation payable under the Act for death and permanent total disablement. The monthly wage limit for determining the amount of compensation has also been enhanced.

Expected export-import turnover

*159. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the expected export-import turnover in terms of dollars and rupee during the current year; and

(b) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As per the latest available data for April-January 1995-96, exports are estimated at $ 25488 million and imports at $ 29544 million, in rupee terms exports are estimated at Rs. 84196 crores and imports at Rs. 97597 crores during the same period. Exports are projected to reach $ 31.5 billion during the full year April—March 1995-96 while exports could be around $ 35.4 billion.

The target set for the current year envisages an export growth of 18—20% in dollar terms over the previous year. Imports are as per requirement and hence no targets are fixed for imports.

Loss of Man-Power due to Strike

*160. SHRI THENNALA BALA-KRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the total loss of man-power in the labour sector during the last year due to various strikes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY). Labour Bureau collects information on mandays